

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation and our state that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1944) gave our nation a magnificent legacy of stewardship of our treasured natural resources that is being passed to younger generations; and

WHEREAS, land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has acquired more than 405,521 acres of public land in state parks and forests, game lands, coastal reserves, nature preserves, state historic sites and other lands beneficial to its residents as part of the Million Acres Initiative; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the USDA Forest Service, and has become an annually anticipated event for participation on publicly held lands in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2007, as "NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY" and call upon the people of North Carolina to recognize and participate in this special observance.



*Mike Easley*  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Raleigh, North Carolina, on this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.